AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 19 – page 6, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2 sets forth a flow chart showing the steps carried by host computer 22 (Fig. 1). At 210, host[[Host]] computer 22 is capable of receiving a message from a sender. The message is transmitted to the host computer over wide area network 20 (Fig. 1). Alternatively, the message may be transmitted entirely within local area network 30 (Fig. 1). For example, the system may be employed within a retail store for use by store clerks tending to aisles with data computing devices linked to a local network. The type of message to be delivered may be an email message, voice mail, facsimile, notification, appointment or other electronic message. At 220, [Host] host computer 22 has access to a message-forwarding program that determines whether to forward messages sent to the host computer to one or more designated devices. The designated device may be local mobile device 24 (Fig. 1), mobile device 26 (Fig. 1), remote terminal 28 (Fig. 1) and/or POTS device 29 (Fig. 1). The message-forwarding program is set by a user or administrator to forward certain types of messages from the user's account to at least one designated devices. The determination of whether to forward a type of message may be based on the identification of the sender, the format of the message, time, date, level of urgency, keywords within the message or subject line, etc.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 11-14 with the following amended paragraph:

At 230, if[[If]] a message is the type to be forwarded, host computer 22 sends a forwarded message to the address of one or more of designated devices 24, 26, 28, 29. The address of the one or more designated devices may be configured in the message-forwarding program by either the user or system administrator.

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, line 19 – page 9, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 3 sets forth a flow chart showing steps carried out by the designated device. At 310, the[[The]] designated device is capable of responding to the forwarded messages received at 320 with a response message. The response message may be one or more of the typical responses available to a recipient of an electronic message. Specifically, the user may reply to the sender, "reply to all", forward the message, utilize information from the message for another application (e.g., an appointment program), etc. At 330, if[[If]] the user sends a reply or forwarding message, the user may include a carbon copy ("cc") or blind carbon copy ("bcc") of the message to one or more other recipients. All recipients of a message can see that a carbon copy was sent. Only the sender and the blind carbon copy recipient know that a blind carbon copy was sent.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 6-9 with the following amended paragraph:

The designated device does not have to redirect the response message to the host computer. At 340, the[[The]] response message is sent from the designated device to the recipient without any interaction from host computer 22. The response message may be packaged as though it was sent directly from host computer 22 to the recipient.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 10-18 with the following amended paragraph:

In addition to sending the response message to the recipient, a copy message may be sent to host computer 22. Preferably, at 350, the designated device sends the copy message to host computer 22. The communication of the copy message from the designated device to host computer 22 is preferably transparent to the recipient. In a preferred embodiment of the invention the copy message can be sent from the designated device to host computer 22 in a blind carbon copy format. That is, the copy message may be sent from the designated device to host computer 22 at the same time the response message is sent to the recipient, but the recipient cannot tell that the copy message is being sent to host computer 22.

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 7-17 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 4 sets forth a flow chart showing steps carried out by host computer 22. At 410, host[[Host]] computer 22 is capable of receiving the copy message from the designated device. At 420, the[[The]] copy message received by host computer 22 may be packaged at 430 as though the message was sent directly from host computer 22 to the recipient's computer. For example, the "to" line of the copy message received by host computer 22 may be repackaged to indicate that the message was sent to the recipient's computer (instead of host computer 22). FIG. 4 shows an embodiment where host computer 22 repackages the copy message after host computer 22 receives the copy message. In an alternative embodiment, the designated device could perform the repackaging before the copy message is sent to host computer 22 and host computer 22 interprets the repackaged copy sent by the designated device.